

Applicants filed the instant petition on 23 May 2000, accompanied by the required petition fee.

DISCUSSION

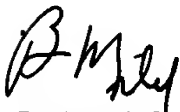
Applicants indicate that a "typographical error was inadvertently made in the PCT International Application number" appearing on page 1 of the Transmittal Letter filed on 10 December 1999. To rectify the error, a substitute replacement page 1 of the Transmittal Letter accompanies the petition. Review of the record reveals that the originally filed Transmittal Letter referred to an international application having an international filing date of 08 April 1999, was accompanied by a purported translation of PCT/FR~~99~~/00811, and was accompanied by a fee sheet which referred to PCT/FR~~99~~/00811. Meanwhile, the declaration filed on 01 March 2000 is directed to PCT/FR~~99~~/00811, whose international filing date is 08 April 19~~99~~. Consideration of all of these facts suggests that applicants clearly intended to file national stage papers under 35 U.S.C. 371 corresponding to international application PCT/FR~~99~~/00811, and that the reference to "PCT/FR98/00811" was merely an obvious typographic error. Accordingly, the corrected Transmittal Letter filed on 12 May 2000 is being placed in the application file, and this application is being treated as the national stage of PCT/FR99/00811 under 35 U.S.C. 371.

CONCLUSION

The Petition is **GRANTED**.

This application is the national stage of PCT/FR99/00811, with an international filing date of 08 April 1999 and a 35 U.S.C. 371(c) and 102(e) date of 01 March 2000.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the International Division for further processing in accordance with this decision.



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